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TRAMPLED to death by mistake

Chennai tourist gets too close to two warring jumbos, crushed in between

S. Juneshe

Kushalnagar, May 18 (AG&BCT)- A woman tourist from Chennai was trampled to death by Dasara elephant Kanjan at the Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu district this morning.

The deceased has been identified as S. Juneshe (33), a homemaker from Chennai, who had come to Dubare with her family as part of a trip to Kodagu. Her husband, a software engineer based in Chennai and their child were also part of the trip.

The incident occurred at the elephant bathing point on the banks of the River Cauvery, where tourists are allowed to watch elephant activities.

As part of the routine, a group of elephants housed at Dubare had been brought to the water point by mahouts and kavadis for bathing where a large number of tourists had gathered.

According to sources, Jai Marthanda, a 38-year-old elephant, was being bathed by its mahout and kavadi when 27-year-old Kanjan, who had been brought there to drink water, suddenly attacked Jai Marthanda.

(See TRAMPLED on page 6)

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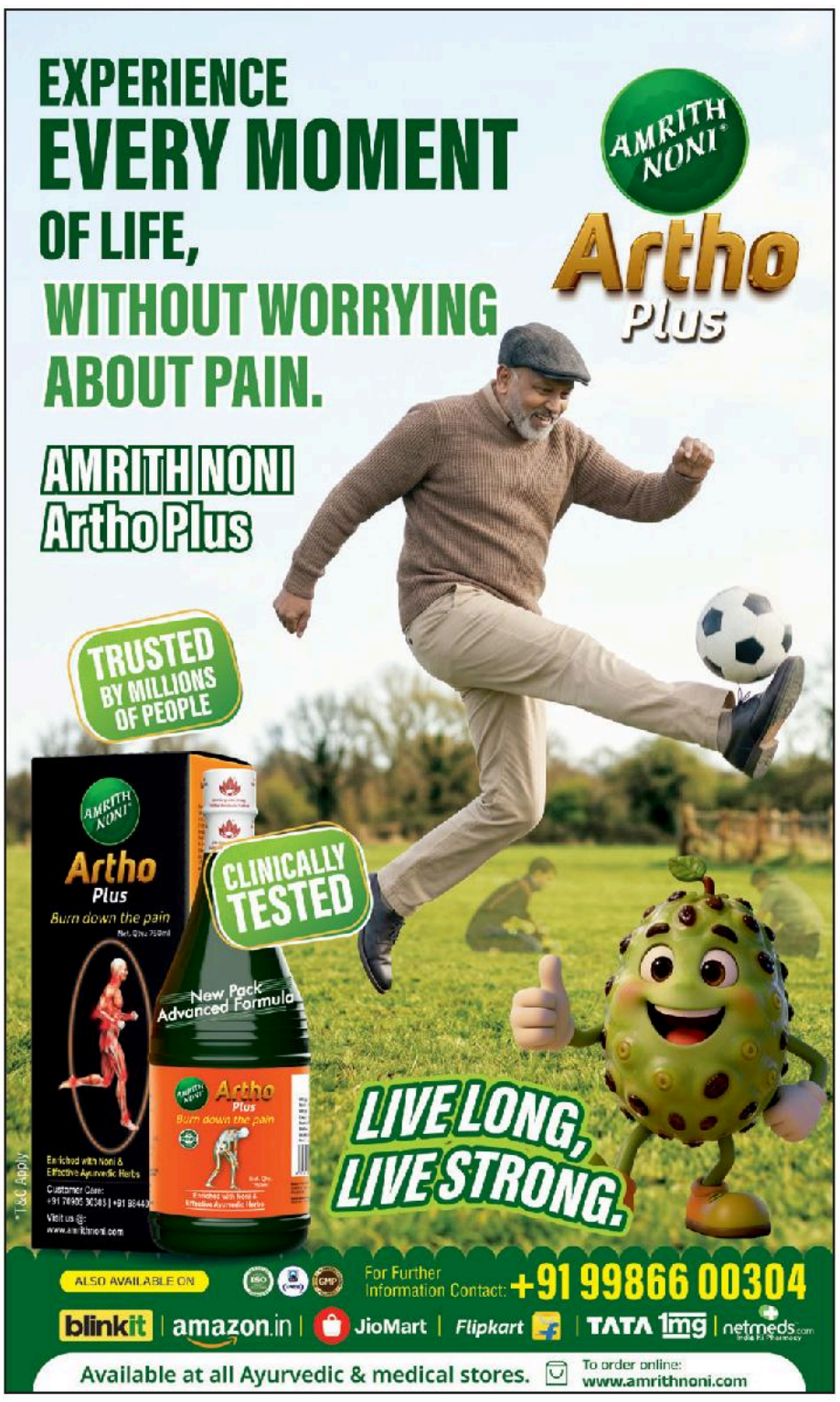
White topping on Bogadi Road begins

Works taken up at a cost of Rs. 36.24 crore

Mysuru, May 18 (MTY&VNS)- As part of the ongoing development of 12 major roads in Mysuru under a Rs. 393.85-crore Public Works Department (PWD) project, white-topping work has commenced on the 6-km stretch between D. Banumaiah Road and Bogadi Junction on the Outer Ring Road at a cost of Rs. 36.24 crore. The works began after obtaining clearances from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Telecom authorities and other departments.

(See WHITE TOPPING on page 6)



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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

PRAISE LORD SIVA, NOT MORTALS: *We take pride in our formal education, but there is something beyond this, which we must acquire and this is jnana. Jnana alone can lead to liberation of the soul. However, whether it is formal education or jnana, they must be used to praise God and must be seen as boons from Lord Siva, said So.So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse. Thirumoolar was very clear about why God gave him life on this earth. He said God had created him, so that he could create elegant works in Tamil. God gives bodies to souls, so that they can strive to liberate themselves. The body given by God should be used to serve Him. We should serve in temples, by cleaning them. Or we could make garlands for the deities in temples. Or we could water plants in the temple garden. We must use our eyes to see Him in temples. We must use our ears to hear His praises. We must use our tongue to sing about His miraculous deeds.*

Appar says people do not worship Lord Siva's feet with flowers. They do not chant His names. They spend all their lives pursuing material wealth. And what is all this for? Eventually, when they die, their bodies become food for crows, says Appar.

Sundarar in his praise of the deity of Thiruppugalur addresses poets and tells them not to praise mortals. It often happens that even when a poet praises a wealthy man and is close to him, the rich man does not honour the poet with any gifts. Even when he does give the poet something, it is not sufficient to meet the needs of the latter. That being the case, poets should not sing the praises of rich men, says Sundarar. Instead, they should praise Lord Siva of Thiruppugalur. He will not only provide food and clothing throughout their lives, but will also get rid of their worries. —In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

This eatery serves only sandwiches

Saint Petersburg: Buterbrodik 66 is a popular sandwich joint in Saint Petersburg, Russia, that only sells simple sandwiches anyone can make at home.

Buterbrodik 66 (Russian for 'Sandwich 66') only sells basic sandwiches with baloney, butter, cheese, or egg, for as little as 100 rubles ($1.36). There is nothing fancy about them; in fact, they look like they were made by some student in their dorm room, but that's the appeal.

Owner Alexey Petrachev said that he and a friend started the business as a simple stand selling dirt-cheap sandwiches to cheer people up, but the whole thing evolved into something more and now they have their own place. Like the sandwiches, it's nothing fancy; but it's cheap, so they can stay in business.

'Knight Rider' car gets speeding ticket

Illinois: A museum received a speeding ticket from New York alleging its replica Knight Rider car was caught on a traffic camera -- but the car hasn't moved in over a decade.

The Volo Museum in Illinois revealed on social media that it received notice in the mail that its 1982 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, a replica of the talking car KITT from 1982-1986 TV series Knight Rider, was caught on camera going 36 mph in a 25 mph zone on Ocean Parkway in New York City.

The car in the traffic camera photo bears a California novelty plate reading "KNIGHT," which matches the plate on the museum's car.

"Their official system ties the novelty plate to Volo Museum and we got a bill for $50," the post said.

Museum officials said the KITT replica hasn't moved in years, and hasn't been driven on a public road in over a decade.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Frequent handwashing and clean eating habits can protect children from many seasonal infections.

By Dr. Anil Kumar Y C - Consultant – Paediatrics
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

City's retail chemists to extend moral support to nationwide strike

Mysuru, May 18 (MTY&DM)-With the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) giving a Nationwide Bandh call on May 20, the Mysuru City and District Retail Chemists Association (MCDRCA) has said that it will extend moral support to the strike by wearing black ribbons.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, MCDRCA President M. Raju said that the bandh is being observed in protest against unregulated functioning of online medicine sales platforms and deep discounting practises adopted by e-Pharmacy companies, which has severely hurt the business of Pharmacists who have set shops investing lakhs of rupees.

Maintaining that traditional Pharmacies have been providing services round-the-clock, he said that unhealthy business practises have badly hit their lives.

Association office-bearers S. Devaraj, C.K. Arun, Mansoor Ahmed Khan, S. Umesh and H.V. Chandrashekar were present at the press meet.

Health Minister's appeal

Meanwhile, State Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao has appealed Pharmacists not to take part in the strike.

After a meeting with Health Department officials at Bengaluru, he asked them to ensure that all Pharmacies attached to Hospitals function as usual and also to see that there is no shortage of medicines and drugs.

WATER LEVEL

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Yesterday's level **88.04 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,255.84 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.54 feet**
Today's Inflow **74 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **198 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **193 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,725 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Some birds actually can sleep with one eye open and some can even sleep while flying. Birds don't sleep quite as deeply as humans do. They usually sleep for just brief spells until being startled awake by predators or other nearby birds or weather conditions.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Maths Teacher: *What is a line?*
Paul: *A line is a dot that's going for a walk.*
Teacher: *Then what are parallel lines?*
Paul: *A dot going for a walk with his girlfriend!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 96.29
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 26.21
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Clear Sharadadevinagar footpath encroachments

Sir,

This is in continuation of the representation submitted earlier by the residents of Sharadadevinagar on Mar. 3, 2026, regarding the severe encroachment of the footpath in front of the LIC Branch Office on New Kantharaj Urs Main Road.

We would like to strongly reiterate that the footpath along this stretch has been completely occupied by vendors, forcing pedestrians to walk on the main road and putting their safety at serious risk.

Senior citizens, children and persons with disabilities are among the worst affected. The footpath, meant exclusively for pedestrians, has become virtually unusable, defeating its very purpose.

We would also like to bring to your notice another long-pending issue on Bankers Club Road, where a few residents have extended their property gates and installed steel railings onto the footpath, obstructing the free movement of pedestrians.

These permanent structures have further reduced the available walking space and are forcing pedestrians onto the road, thereby increasing the risk of accidents.

Both these issues reflect unchecked encroachments on public footpaths, whether by vendors or private individuals, causing inconvenience to citizens and undermining Mysuru's reputation as a clean, well-planned and pedestrian-friendly city.

We request the MCC officials concerned to conduct a joint inspection of New Kantharaj Urs Main Road near the LIC Office at Sharadadevinagar and Bankers Club Road, remove all unauthorised encroachments on footpaths, including vendors, extended gates and steel railings and ensure that footpaths are restored and maintained strictly for pedestrian use.

We hope the MCC Commissioner and the authorities concerned will take prompt action in the interest of public safety and urban order.

—A concerned resident
Sharadadevinagar
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Materials Management Day celebrations

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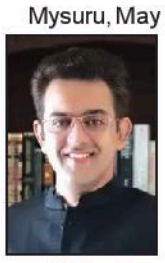
Mysuru, May 18- The **Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM)**, Mysuru Branch, celebrated the Materials Management Day in city recently.

On this occasion, IIMM Mysuru Branch honoured Senior Materials & Supply Chain Management professionals from leading industries — notably Triton Valves Ltd, IT Champs Pvt., Ltd. and BEML Ltd. — with citations of recognition for their decades of contributions to cost optimisation, supply chain excellence, quality enhancement and innovations in materials and supply chain management, aligned with Make in India initiatives in the automotive and defence sectors.

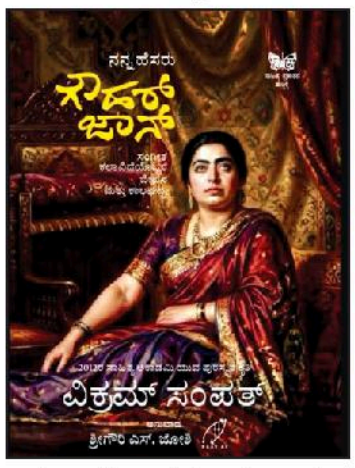
The Dean and HoD with students of Supply Chain Management from the Department of Business Administration, VVCE, Mysuru & HoDs of Mechanical Engineering at ATME Engineering College, Mysuru, participated reinforcing the importance of industry-academia collaboration.

'Nanna Hesaru Gauhar Jaan' book release on May 30



Vikram

Mysuru, May 18 (BNR)- 'Nanna Hesaru Gauhar Jaan,' the Kannada version of historian Vikram Sampath's acclaimed biography of Gauhar Jaan (India's first celebrity singer) — 'My Name is Gauhar Jaan' — will be released at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage in Mysuru on May 30 at 10.30 am.



On the occasion, Vikram Sampath will present an illustrated Audio-Visual (AV). Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be the chief guest. CIIL's (Central Institute of Indian Languages) linguist and researcher Dr. Narayan Kumar Choudhary will be the guest of honour.

Also, the book will be sold at a discounted price at the venue and people can take autograph of the author and a selfie with him.

This is India's first full-length AI-translated Indian language book by Bengaluru-based NAAV AI, with minimum editing and proof-reading of Kannada translation by Srigowri S. Joshi and published by Sahitya Prakashana.

'My Name is Gauhar Jaan' has earned Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar-2021.

Free diabetes screening camp

Mysuru, May 18-Suyog Hospital in Ramakrishnanagar will be conducting a free diabetes screening camp from today (May 18 to 23). Diabetician Dr. Abhishek will lead the camp. A 30% discount will be provided on tests prescribed by the doctor. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862.

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Mahajana Aviation students visit Mysore Airport

Mysuru, May 18- Students of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management pursuing BBA in Aviation and International Tourism, visited Mysore Airport recently as part of an educational programme.

The visit was facilitated by Airport Director P.V. Ushakumari, who enabled students to gain practical exposure to airport operations.

During the visit, the Airport Fire Services team, led by B. Sunil Kumar, along with staff members K. Amal, M. Akshay and Jishnu, conducted a session on fire safety and emergency response.

Students were briefed on the classification of fire and demonstrated the use of various fire extinguishers, including TPC, carbon dioxide and foam extinguishers.

Air Traffic Control Officer Xavier addressed the students and explained basic aviation concepts. He spoke on types of aircraft, key components such as aileron, rudder and elevator and flight operation principles including Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). They also had a chance to interact with the Meteorological Department.

The students witnessed a live aircraft landing and were introduced to navigational aids such as Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights.

Staff members C.V. Keerthi and Ravi Nayak, along with 29 students, were part of the visit.

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NDA Government in State certain, predicts HDK

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), who is also the State JD(S) President, addressing the party's Chamundeshwari Constituency 'Janarondige Janata Dal' convention, wearing a yellow turban (peta), at the ground opposite Nagalingeshwara-Bogeshwara Temple on Bogadi Ring Road in the city outskirts yesterday. Picture right shows State JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy and other party leaders being brought in an open top vehicle procession from Ring Road to the venue of the convention.

Mysuru, May 18 (MK&DM)- Asserting that the JD(S) would win about 80 seats in the next Assembly polls, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has vowed that the NDA Coalition Government would come to power in the State.

He was addressing a large gathering at the 'Janarondige Janata Dal' Chamundeshwari Constituency public contact convention at the ground opposite Nagalingeshwara-Bogeshwara Temple on Ring Road at Bogadi here yesterday.

"It is certain the NDA Coalition Government would come to power in the State in two years with the blessing of the people. CM Siddaramaiah has been repeatedly mocking the JD(S) saying the party would win only a handful of seats. But come elections, the JD(S) would show its strength to the CM. The JD(S) is rejuvenating the party workers by 'Janarondige Janata Dal' public outreach programme under the leadership of Nikhil Kumaraswamy for he past several months, Kumaraswamy said.

Reminiscing the Chamundeshwari by-polls of 2006, which the JD(S) lost by a thin margin, Kumaraswamy said, the JD(S) lost the last Assembly polls because of some wrongs by party leaders.

Stating that the JD(S) would work for the cause of all communities, Kumaraswamy took a dig at the ruling Congress questioning why the State Government was holding 'Sadhana Samavesha' at Tumakuru on May 19 to celebrate three years of its rule, when actually there is nothing for the Congress to boast of.

Defending the recent fuel price hike, Kumaraswamy said, the West Asia conflict had hit supply chains and as such, the price hike is inevitable.

Maintaining that the hike in fuel prices was far less when compared to other countries, he questioned the State Congress Government how many times it had hiked prices of essential commodities and utilities.

JD(S) State Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, in his address, said that the JD(S) workers seemed to be disappointed as they did not see the expected results of the party's 'Pancharatna campaign.' Taking note of this, the party has launched 'Janarondige Janata Dal' programme in all Assembly segments of the State, for which he has toured the entire State.

During the events, he found that the party workers were enthused by the new found self-confidence in all regions of the State under the leadership of H.D. Kumaraswamy, he said adding that this shows that the JD(S) is not limited to just old Mysore region.

Pointing out that though 54 Ministers and Parliamentarians have left the JD(S) in the past decade, the party has not lost its base, Nikhil expressed confidence that the NDA candidates would win all the 11 Assembly segments of Mysuru district.

State JD(S) Working President and former Minister S.R. Mahesh said that the party workers are the base and strength of the JD(S). Noting that the party is being organised under the leadership of JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy, he said that the party aims to win here again.

Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda said that the people have gathered in large numbers after coming to know of Kumaraswamy's presence. Noting that the event was organised in a short period, he said that the JD(S) aims to dethrone the ruling Congress Government in the State, which is indulged in deep corruption and maladministration.

Earlier, Nikhil Kumaraswamy was brought to the venue from the Ring Road in an open top vehicle in a grand procession, during which the party workers showered petals on him en route.

JD(S) Core Committee President Krishna Reddy, MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and K. Vivekananda, City JD(S) President SBM Manju, District President M. Ashwin Kumar, party leaders H.M. Ramesh Gowda, K. Mahadev, Narasimhaswamy, Krishna Nayak, Chandrika Suresh, M.J. Ravikumar, Prema Shankaregowda, Shivamurthy, R. Lingappa, Gangadhar, Ravichandregowda and others were present.

GTD absent

Sitting Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who has maintained a distance from the party for over two years, stayed away from the event.

GTD was not invited for the event nor his name or photos could be found in the posters, banners and buntings of the party that were put up all around the venue and along the entire Ring Road.

Monkey prank renews debate on plastic menace in Bandipur forest

Gundlupet, May 18 (BLU &BS)- A video of a monkey playing pranks at Bandipur forest, after being partially trapped in a plastic cover, went viral recently, renewing serious debate on unabated plastic menace involving tourists in the forest, at the cost of the wildlife.

A family of tourists from Kerala, who stopped by the public toilet built by the Forest Department near Melukamanahalli check-post (old campus), were carrying fruits in a plastic carry bag. A group of monkeys, which are acclimatised to the tourists feeding them, rushed towards the tourists and one of the monkeys snatched the cover. In its hurry to eat the fruits, the animal somehow got itself entangled in the plastic carry bag. A Forest personnel, who noticed the incident, shot the same on his cell phone camera and posted on a social networking site, with the noble intention of creating awareness among the tourists.

S. Prabhakaran, Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, told *Star of Mysore*, the monkey, however, succeeded in removing the plastic carry bag. The video recorded and uploaded by the patrolling staff, was shared by others, which incidentally caught the attention of many.

The Forest Department, for the convenience of tourists who pass via Bandipur, has built the public toilets near Melukamanahalli, considered as the entrance to Bandipur and Chikkahalli check-post, bordering Bandipur and Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu, he added.

Protect Mysuru's Green Heritage

By Maj. Gen. (Retd.)
S.G. Vombatkere

Politicians and bureaucrats view city development as constructing flyovers and widening roads. In the context of citizens' objections to the felling of 561 trees for National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) projects in and around Mysuru, our MP stated that these proposed development works "will go ahead while protecting the environment."

That is, flyovers and road-widening will be done anyway and the environment can be protected by retaining as many trees as possible and translocating trees that interfere with the works. Environmental ill-effects are collateral damage.

It leads to the question: Who benefits from flyovers and road-widening and who loses from damage to the environment? The answer is clear: Beneficiaries are motorists who may experience 'sugama sanchara' and all Mysuru residents lose not only the air-cleansing effect of trees (which counter the air-polluting exhaust gases) but also lose the cooling effect of Mysuru's green cover.

Being the inheritors and custodians of Mysuru's green heritage, residents strongly oppose such development. A newcomer or visitor to Mysuru may well ask, "What is green heritage?"

To answer the question, we need to step back about ninety years.

Mysuru's green heritage

Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar ruled over Mysore from 1894 to 1940. He was a visionary in many senses. Nalwadi's visionary policy viewed tree planting as essential to public welfare. His legacy is evident in the tree-lined avenues of Mysuru and lakes surrounded by green cover.

In 1903, Nalwadi created the City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) for urban development planning, including tree-lined roads as a key component. Today, most visitors comment favourably upon Mysuru's greenery, which cannot be experienced in a comparable Indian city. Thus, green heritage is one of Mysuru's key attractions.

Following Independence, industrialisation was the focus of development. Even so, successive governments of Karnataka understood Nalwadi's vision, that development should protect green cover for public benefit. Thus, Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs steered the enactment of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act (KTPA), 1976, with the stated object and reason as:

"Industrialisation and pressure of population have resulted in heavy destruction of tree growth in urban areas. Trees which provide shade, mitigate the extremes of climate, render aesthetic beauty, purify the polluted atmosphere, mute the noise, have been one of the first casualties of pressure on space in our cities and towns... We have reached the stage when it is incumbent to legislate to restrict and regulate the felling of trees and prescribe growing of a minimum number trees where none exists."

CITB's successor MUDA (1988) continued this green heritage vision, with a 'Green Mysuru' policy focused on increasing green cover through tree planting, to compensate for urban development and encouraging community participation. MUDA also planned initiatives, including planting over 25,000 saplings annually.

As the years rolled by, Mysuru managed to retain much of its green heritage precincts of lakes and trees, thanks to the unremitting initiatives of residents.

There is no doubt that flyovers and widened roads enable better movement of motor vehicles, at least at the beginning. However, activists quote the National Urban Transportation Policy (NUTP), which directs that the movement of people must be facilitated rather than facilitating the movement of motor vehicles (MVs).

More over experience shows that the growth of the MV population far exceeds the rate at which civic authorities can provide road space which means flyovers and widened roads will fill up in just a few years, taking the situation back to slow movement of vehicular traffic.

Rather than insist upon development by constructing flyovers and widening roads to enable faster movement of MVs at the cost of cutting trees, government would be well advised to protect Mysuru's green heritage and increase its green cover in accordance with Nalwadi's vision.

May be it should stick to NUTP's objective "...to ensure safe, affordable, quick, comfortable, reliable and sustainable access for the growing number of city residents to jobs, education, recreation and such other needs ... by incorporating urban transportation as an important parameter at the urban planning stage rather than being a consequential requirement ... [and] bringing about a more equitable allocation of road space with people rather than vehicles, as its main focus."

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere is a vocal civic and environmental activist in Mysuru, advocating for the protection of urban green cover, the preservation of heritage ecosystems and strict adherence to environmental norms in developmental projects.

MyRealty-2026: Mega Property Expo from May 22

Mysuru, May 18 (GA&TRR)- Ashwin R. Pallegar, Chairman of MyRealty-2026, has announced that the MyRealty-2026,a 4-day Mega Property Expo will be held from May 22 to 25 at Bharat Scouts & Guides Grounds from 10 am to 8.30 pm. The Mega Expo is being jointly organised by Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and Mysuru Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT).

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, Ashwin Pallegar said that District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate MyRealty-2026 Expo on May 22 at 10 am.

Sharing details of the Expo, he said that this is the 19th edition of the MyRealty Property Expo being held in Mysuru and one of their main annual events. "Seven Platinum Stalls, 6 Gold Stalls, 6 Silver Stalls and 31 Regular stalls will showcase the property information in the MyRealty-2026. This year's Expo is specially designed with plenty of greenery and open space. Real Estate Developers, Promoters, leading Banks and Financial Institutions are being brought under one roof for the benefit of the public, he said.

Harish Shenoy, President, CREDAI, Mysuru Chapter, speaking at the press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning. Also seen are** (from left) **BAI Mysuru Centre Hon. Secretary Praveen Pal, BAI Chairman K.R. Prabhakara Rao, MyRealty Chairman Ashwin R. Pallegar and Hon. Secretary K.S. Prakash.

Developers will provide details about layouts and villa plots while builders share information about their apartment and villa building projects. Entry fee for the MyRealty-2026 is fixed at Rs. 20 per person.

Harish Shenoy, President of CREDAI, who spoke, said that though many sectors are affected by ongoing Middle East War between Iran, America and Israel, Real Estate is not affected in any way and in fact is growing as usual. This is the right time for citizens to invest in Mysuru, he added.

For more information, contact Ashwin Pallegar on Mob: 98442-77284 or Hon. Secretary K.S. Prakash on Mob: 94480-61969.

Museum tour brings heritage to specially abled children

Mysuru, May 18 (MK&BNR)- As part of International Museum Day celebrations, a special 'Museum Tour' titled 'Museums on Wheels' was organised for specially-abled children this morning.

The tour began from Wellington House on Irwin Road and covered the Payana Car Museum, Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) and the Railway Museum.

The programme was organised by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Mysuru, in association with the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, A. Devaraju, Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, stressed the importance of preserving historical relics and fossils in a systematic manner.

"Museums are a boon for preserving history. Europeans not only introduced the concept of museums but also played a major role in documenting and conserving history through such institutions. Youngsters should take an interest in preserving historical heritage," he said.

V. Ashok Vardhan, Officer-in-Charge of IGRMS-SRC, Mysuru, said historical documents and relics discovered anywhere should be immediately brought to the notice of the Archaeology Department instead of being ignored.

"Such findings can throw new light on the country's history. Historical records should never be neglected," he said. Highlighting the significance of museums, he said they serve as important links connecting people to the culture and history of their regions and countries.

International Museum Day is observed on May 18 to create awareness about the role of museums in preserving and promoting history and culture, he added.

FROM LEFT: ***Raghavendra, District Disabled Welfare Officer, V. Ashok Vardhan, Officer-in-Charge, IGRMS, SRC, Mysuru and A. Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, flagging off the 'Museums Tour' programme for specially-abled children, at Wellington House on Irwin Road in city this morning. Also seen are Dr. Manjula, Deputy Director, T. Tarakesh, Conservation Engineer, M. Sunil Kumar, Assistant Director, Heritage Department Officers and staff.***

Trampled to death by mistake

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Unable to defend itself as it does not have tusks, Jai Marthanda reportedly fell into the water due to the force of Kanjan's attack. Even as Kanjan repeatedly gored the elephant with its tusks, Jai Marthanda managed to get out of the water and ran towards the area where tourists had gathered.

Kanjan chased Jai Marthanda, triggering panic among the tourists, who ran helter-skelter to escape. As Kanjan was in a violent state, its mahout and kavadi reportedly failed to bring the elephant under control.

During the chaos, Juneshe, who was among the tourists watching the elephants in the river, came under Kanjan's feet. It is yet to be established whether she was accidentally trampled in the commotion or deliberately attacked by the elephant.

However, videos of the incident reportedly suggest that she was accidentally caught under the elephant during the panic. Official confirmation from the Forest Department is awaited.

Tourists who witnessed the incident from a distance said Kanjan trampled Juneshe and one of its legs struck her on the head, killing her on the spot.

After considerable effort, Kanjan's mahout and kavadi managed to rein in the elephant, while Jai Marthanda escaped to a safer place. Jai Marthanda sustained serious injuries to its head, ears and back in the attack.

Caretakers of the other elephants later managed to bring all the elephants back to the shelter area and tie them to their respective poles at the camp. Several tourists who witnessed the incident were left shocked, and many reportedly left the camp immediately after the tragedy.

Juneshe's body was shifted to the Syrus hospital in Kushalnagar, where a large number of tourists

and residents gathered. A post-mortem examination will be conducted. Police are in the process of registering a case.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Rakshith and Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Ranjan were seen restoring order at the Dubare camp following the incident. Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda visited the hospital. Sources said the victim's family has relatives in Mysuru, who have been informed and are on their way to Kushalnagar.

V.D. Satheesan sworn-in as Keralam CM

Thiruvananthapuram, May 18 (Agencies)- Congress leader V.D. Satheesan was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Keralam at a ceremony held at Thiruvananthapuram, here this morning.

Satheesan

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the Oath of Office and Secracy to him. Along with Satheesan, 20 Cabinet Ministers also took oath.

AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, former Keralam CM and Leader of the Opposition Pinnarayi Vijayan, Kerala BJP State President Rajeev Chandrashekar and others were present.

White topping on Bogadi Road

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Though the original proposal was to concretise the entire stretch at once, the PWD has decided to execute the project in phases. In the first phase, work has begun on a 2-km stretch from Bogadi Junction towards the University of Mysore campus.

Officials have started removing the existing bitumen layer on one side of the road while traffic is being allowed on the other lane.

After this, metalling work will be taken up, followed by bar-bending work for laying reinforcement framework ahead of concreting. Once concrete is laid, the stretch will undergo a curing period of 15 days, during which work on the adjoining stretch will begin.

To minimise inconvenience

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, PWD Assistant Executive Engineer Mahadevaswamy said the work is being carried out on one lane at a time to minimise inconvenience to motorists.

"The work zone has been barricaded to prevent accidents and ensure smooth traffic movement. Following the directions of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, efforts are being made to complete the project within the stipulated deadline," he said.

This is the second major road in Mysuru where the PWD has taken up white-topping works. The department has already begun concreting work on the 6.4-km stretch of Manandavadi Road from Basaveshwara Circle to the Mysuru-Manandavadi Road stretch in Srirampura at a cost of Rs. 42.74 crore.

It may be recalled that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during his recent visit to Mysuru, inspected the ongoing development works, including the white topping of Manandavadi Road, and instructed officials to ensure timely completion.

Traffic diversion

In view of the white-topping works on Bogadi Road, the City Police have imposed traffic diversions. Motorists travelling from Bogadi towards Kukkarahalli Lake and adjoining areas have been advised to use alternative routes, including Kamakshi Hospital Road, Vishwamanava Double Road and Hunsur Road.

No white-topping near Kukkarahalli Lake

Mahadevaswamy said the PWD has withheld work on the 600-metre stretch between Kukkarahalli Lake Junction and the Crawford Hall Junction owing to a proposal to construct either a Railway Under Bridge (RUB) or a four-lane underpass by the National Highway Division of the PWD.

"The 600-metre stretch has not yet been handed over to the contractor. If the RUB proposal gets approval, white-topping work will continue towards Bogadi from the other side of the Ring Road. If the proposal is rejected, the work will proceed as per the original plan," he added.

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TODAY'S MATCH MAY 18

CSK Vs SRH

M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAY 19

RR Vs LSG

Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RCB 222/4 (20 overs)
BEAT
PBKS 199/8 (20 overs)

RR 193/8 (20 overs)
LOST TO
DC 197/5 (19.2 overs)

Catch the live telecast on: **Star Sports Network & JioHotstar**

Panchen Lama Abduction Day observed in city

Tibetans demand release of Panchen Lama

Mysuru, May 18 (MK&KS)- Marking 31 years since the abduction of Tibet's 11th Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, Tibetans, under the banner of Middleway Tibetan Youth Congress and Regional Tibetan Women's Association from Bylakuppe, Hunsur and Kollegal and Mysore Tibetan Students' Association staged a protest in city this morning demanding the Chinese authorities to release Panchen Lama, innocent Tibetan religious heads and political prisoners immediately.

The protesters said that Panchen Lama was abducted by the Chinese authorities in 1995 when Panchen Lama was just six years old. It has been 31 years since he was abducted and there is no information about Panchen Lama since then. The protesters expressed deep concern over his well-being and religious education, emphasising his vital role in Tibetan spiritual hierarchy.

The protesters also condemned the continued repression under Chinese rule, citing that more than 2,500 political prisoners remain in detention and 166 Tibetans have self-immolated in protest and urged the UN Human Rights Committee to intervene and press China for answers regarding the Panchen Lama's whereabouts.

BLUDGEONED

Son kills mother suspecting illicit affair

Sudha

Shivarudrappa

Mysuru, May 18 (MTY&KS)- A son, angered over his mother's alleged illicit affair, assaulted her, bludgeoned her to death and then set her body on fire yesterday. The murder came to light when villagers spotted the half-burnt body in an agricultural field at Madahalli village in the taluk this morning.

While the deceased is Sudha (48), the accused son is 34-year-old S. Shivarudrappa, a vegetable trader at Mysuru APMC.

It is learnt that Shivarudrappa saw his mother riding pillion on a bike with a man yesterday following which he assaulted her severely and had fled from the spot.

Sudha's relatives, who saw her badly injured, was taking her to a hospital, when Shivarudrappa appeared before them and reportedly told them that he would take his mother to the hospital. But instead, he took his mother to an agricultural field near Kaniyanahundi village, where he bludgeoned her to death and set the body on fire before fleeing from the spot.

Villagers, who went to the agri field this morning, saw something was burnt in the field and on closer inspection, they found the half burnt body of Sudha and immediately informed the jurisdictional Jayapura Police.

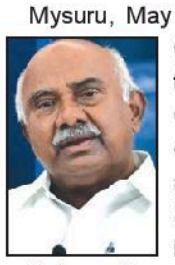
Jayapura Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to the mortuary and registered a case.

The Police have picked up Shivarudrappa's relatives 24-year-old Akash and 22-year-old Abhi, for reportedly helping Shivarudrappa commit the murder and are interrogating them.

'Sadhana Samavesha' in Tumakuru tomorrow

Congress has nothing to celebrate: Vishwanath

'Govt. spent Rs. 500 crore on publicity while Guarantee Schemes are hurting economy'


Vishwanath

Mysuru, May 18 (BLU&DM)- Questioning the Congress Government's decision to hold a 'Sadhana Samavesha' in Tumakuru tomorrow to mark three years in office, MLC A.H. Vishwanath said, the Siddaramaiah-led Government has little to showcase as an achievement.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, Vishwanath said, it was for the people, and not the ruling party, to judge and celebrate a Govt's achievements. "The Congress is organising this rally only to praise itself while people are still wondering what the Government has actually achieved," he alleged.

Claiming that the Government had spent nearly Rs. 500 crore on advertisements, Vishwanath said, no previous Government had spent so much on publicity. He also alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was using the rally to strengthen his political position amid speculation over a possible leadership change.

He criticised the Government's Guarantee Schemes, alleging that they had weakened the State's economy. "The Government has diverted funds earmarked for specific sectors to implement Guarantees," he claimed. Vishwanath also accused the Government of creating divisions by revoking the hijab restrictions introduced during the previous BJP regime. "While the Government has allowed hijabs, it is not right to object to saffron shawls," he said.

'Mysuru getting branded for drugs'

Strongly criticising the recent hike in liquor prices, Vishwanath alleged that rising alcohol costs were pushing youngsters towards narcotic substances, which he claimed were becoming cheaper and more accessible.

He alleged that Police from other States had busted drug rackets linked to Mysuru and claimed that frequent transfers and corruption in Police postings had affected law enforcement.

"It is unfortunate that Mysuru, which is the home district of the Chief Minister, is getting branded for drugs and banned narcotic substances," he said.

Vishwanath also accused the CM of wasteful expenditure on air travel, alleging that the Government had spent Rs. 38 crore on Siddaramaiah's air tours over the last three years. Alleging that Siddaramaiah had done little for AHINDA communities, Vishwanath claimed that the Chief Minister invoked the AHINDA slogan only during political crises. "He has not introduced any major welfare schemes for AHINDA communities," he said.

He also extended birthday wishes to JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda.

CNG price goes up by Rs. 3

New Delhi, May 18 (Agencies)- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) has become more expensive once again for vehicle owners, dealing another inflationary blow to commuters and transport operators. After a Rs. 2 per kg increase last week, CNG price has been further hiked by Rs. 1 per kg effective from yesterday.

This marks the second increase in just two days and takes the total rise in CNG prices to Rs. 3 per kg within 48 hours, pushing up fuel costs for millions of auto-rickshaw drivers, taxi operators, commercial vehicle owners and private motorists who rely on CNG for everyday travel.

With this revision, the price of CNG in Mysuru now costs Rs. 90.50 per kg; Bengaluru - Rs. 93; Mumbai - Rs. 84 and Delhi - Rs. 80.09 per kg. The revised prices vary across regions depending on local taxes and transportation costs. The latest CNG price hike is expected to affect millions of commuters, especially in cities where auto-rickshaws, taxis and buses depend heavily on natural gas. Transport Unions may seek fare revisions if fuel costs continue to rise.

Obituary

Abdulla Khan

Mysuru, May 18- Abdulla Khan (61), of Indian Furniture Works on K.T. Street in Lashkar Mohalla, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today after Zohar Salath at Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road, followed by the burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

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Vintage Vignettes
... from a Princely State

By R.G. Singh
Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

Title : ***The State Entry into Delhi.1907.***
Artist : ***Roderick Dempster Mackenzie (1865-1941)***
Size : ***366x289.8 cms. Oil on canvas.***
Collection : ***Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery***

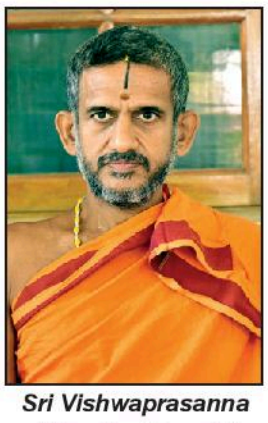
This painting captures the impressive grandeur of the 1903 Delhi Durbar main entry procession which consisted of 48 Maharajas seated on their respective State elephants. The trail wound its way past the north side of Jumma Masjid towards the Red Fort. It was led by the then Viceroy and Vicerine of India, Lord George Curzon and Lady Mary Victoria Curzon, who are seen seated on the elephant 'Lutchmann Pershad' belonging to the Maharaja of Benaras, followed by Prince Arthur and Princess Louise Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, representing the British royal family, seated on the elephant 'Maula Baksh' belonging to the Maharaja of Jaipur.

'The hierarchy of Indian royalty was formalised with a new ranking system, the size and importance of a State was defined by the number of gun salutes it was accorded and the five largest States of Hyderabad, Mysore, Baroda, Jammu & Kashmir and Gwalior were awarded a 21 gun salute,' writes Ritu Kumar in her book, *Portraits of Royalty.*

The same hierarchy is followed in this procession. Atop the third elephant is the Nizam of Hyderabad HEH Mir Mehboob Ali Khan (VI) followed by Maharaja of Mysore HH Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV Bahadur, then HH Maharaja of Baroda HH Sayaji Rao Gaekwad, then the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir HH Pratap Singh and the Maharaja of Gwalior HH Madho Rao Scindia. The standard bearers of Mysore State carrying the shields depicting Gandabherunda and Hanuman are seen near the Mysore Maharaja's elephant.

Golden Jubilee of Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali
Mantralaya and Pejawar Pontiffs to take part in inaugural ceremony this evening

Sri Subudhendra Theertha Swamiji



Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji

Mysuru, May 18 (GA&VNS)- The three-day golden jubilee celebrations of Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali will be held from today till May 20 at Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram, said Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali Vice-President Ravi Shastri here yesterday.

Addressing the media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he said that Mantralaya Raghavendra Swamy Mutt Pontiff Sri Subudhendra Theertha Swamiji and Udupi Pejawar Mutt Pontiff Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji will the grace the inaugural ceremony to be held at 5 pm today.

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will be the chief guest. On the occasion, journalist Ravindra Joshi will be presented with 'Sri Krishnanugraha' Award. This will be followed by 'Bhakti Sudhe' cultural programme by Puttur Jagadish Acharya and troupe at 7 pm.

Tomorrow (May 19), Uttaradi Mutt Pontiff Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji will deliver the benedictory address at 5 pm. Singer M.D. Pallavi and troupe will present a cultural programme 'Bhava Sudhe' at 7 pm.

The valedictory event of the golden jubilee celebrations will be held on May 20 at 5 pm. Puttige Mutt Pontiff Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji will grace the occasion. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will be the chief guest. Following this, Pt. Praveen Godkhindi and troupe will present 'Raaga Sudhe' cultural programme.

Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali members N. Gopalkrishna, Srivatsa, P.S. Shekar, K.V. Sridhar, Jayaram Bhat and Guruprasad were present at the press conference.

Nurses are healthcare sector's backbone: Regional Commr.

Mysuru Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Nurses Day celebration at JSS Hospital premises in city recently as Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Dr. R. Mahesh, Dr. C.P. Madhu, Sudha Mrutyunjayappa, Dr. Ashwathidevi and others look on.

Mysuru, May 18 (VVH&DM)- Mysuru Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil said that nurses are like the backbone of healthcare sector.

He was speaking at International Nurses Day celebration organised under the joint aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS College of Nursing and JSS School of Nursing at Rajendra Centenary Hall in JSS Hospital premises here recently.

Pointing out that nurses play a key role in medical care, Nitesh Patil said that the services of nurses in taking care of patients facing health crisis is very crucial.

"There can be no healthcare in the absence of nurses and this was very much evident during COVID crisis. Society has now been recognising the role of nurses, which is laudable," he said.

Sudha Mrutyunjayappa, Managing Trustee of Mrutyunjyappa Foundation, in her address, said that the services of Florence Nightingale is a model to the entire world and called upon nurses to emulate her in service.

Several nurses were felicitated on the occasion for their service. Also, the winners of 'Nasha Muktha Bharat' Marathon were distributed prizes.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath presided.

JSS Hospital Director Dr. C.P. Madhu, Medical Education section Director R. Mahesh, JSS Hospital Nursing Services Head Janette Mathias and others were present on the occasion.

Radiology facilities must reach the poor and rural-folk: Dr. B. Dinesh

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Director Dr. B. Dinesh inaugurating 'Dr. Gyan P. Lal CME-2026' Radiologists Workshop at Jayadeva Hospital in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, May 18 (DM)- "Radiology is a vital part of the health sector. It is also of much help in Cardiology Department and diagnosis of heart diseases," said Dr. B. Dinesh, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Dr. Gyan P. Lal CME-2026' organised jointly by Indian Radiological and Imaging Association, Karnataka Chapter and Indian College of Radiology Imaging, at Jayadeva Hospital on KRS Road here recently.

Pointing out that Radiology is supplemental to almost all Medical Departments, he said at present, Radiology is not just limited to analysing and understanding images. The Radiologists of today play a key role in accurate diagnosis of diseases, he noted.

Stating that the number of Radiologists is less when compared to the country's population, Dr. Dinesh said AI (Artificial Intelligence) has made its way into the medical field as well.

Noting that the world is witnessing a rapid change with advancements and innovations in Science and Technology, he said, at the same time, it is important to see that the benefits of such advancements reach the poor and rural areas of the country.

"At present, there are 8 Radiologists in Jayadeva Hospital. There are ultra-modern CT, MRI and ultrasound scanning facilities in the Hospital. Every day, 30 to 40 Angiograms are being conducted. This apart, about 2,000 patients undergo open heart surgery and more than 200 Cathlab process is being conducted in the Hospital on an average every day," Dr. Dinesh said adding that 600 more beds have been added at Jayadeva Hospital over the past 6 months.

Indian Radiology and Imaging Association Outgoing President Amarnath, President Sudhir Kale, President-Elect C.P. Nanjaraj, Vice-President M.V.K. Rao, Secretary Natesh Gupta, Vijayasarathi, Mysuru Radiologists Association President Shivaprasad, Dr. Umesh Krishnamurthy, Dr. Harsha Basappa, Dr. K.S. Rajith, Dr. Veena Nanjappa, Dr. Srinidhi, Harish Kumar, Chandrakamala and others were present.

World Liver Day at Manipal Hospitals

'Know Your Doctor' on Gut and Liver Health

An interactive, patient-first initiative to bridge the gap between clinical expertise and everyday understanding of health

Mysuru, May 18- Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru, as part of the larger Manipal Health Summit, hosted 'Know Your Doctor,' an interactive, patient-first initiative on the occasion of World Liver Day, designed to bridge the gap between clinical expertise and everyday understanding of health.

The panel brought together experienced specialists, including Dr. Satheesh Rao, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology; Dr. Vasudev Pai, Senior Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology, GI Onco Surgeon & HPB Surgeon; Dr. R. Nischay, Senior Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology and B.J. Sandeep Patel, Hospital Director, who spoke about a wide spectrum of gastrointestinal and liver health concerns.

Dr. Satheesh Rao said, "From gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and stomach ulcers to irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), piles and fissures, as well as oesophageal and stomach cancers, it is important for individuals to recognise symptoms early, understand the available diagnostic approaches and seek timely medical advice to ensure effective management and better outcomes. Raising awareness and encouraging regular check-ups can play a crucial role in preventing complications and improving overall digestive health."

Dr. Vasudev Pai focused on conditions that often require timely surgical evaluation saying, "many serious gastrointestinal conditions don't start dramatically, they build quietly. Recognising early symptoms and not delaying evaluation can make a life-changing difference."

He spoke in detail about gastrointestinal cancers, gallbladder stones and inflammatory bowel disease, highlighting how early diagnosis and the right intervention can significantly improve outcomes.

Dr. Nischay centred his discussion on liver health awareness — an area often overlooked until complications arise. "Liver disease is often silent in its early stages. Awareness, timely screening and simple lifestyle choices can go a long way in protecting long-term health," he explained.

He covered conditions such as fatty liver disease, cirrhosis, portal hypertension, ascites and hepatic encephalopathy, while also stressing preventive care, lifestyle measures and the importance of regular health check-ups.

"Gut health is not determined by a single food or a short-term fix — it is shaped by what we do consistently over time. A balanced, fibre-rich diet, regular meals, physical activity and managing stress are all interconnected. When symptoms like acidity, bloating or altered bowel habits persist, they shouldn't be dismissed as routine. Early evaluation and the right guidance can prevent small issues from becoming chronic conditions," they noted.

Manipal Hospital also introduced a set of specialised Gastrointestinal (GI) health packages during the event, designed to encourage early screening and accessible diagnostics. These include a Dyspepsia Package (covering Endoscopy, Ultrasound and CBC), an IBS Package (including Colonoscopy, Ultrasound and CBC) and a comprehensive Jaundice Package (featuring CBC, Liver Function Test, Hepatitis B & C screening and Ultrasound).

These packages are offered at specially discounted prices for a limited period, along with additional benefits such as discounts on laboratory and radiology services, further reinforcing the hospital's focus on preventive care and early diagnosis.

WORD OF THE DAY

Affable

Pronunciation: AF-uh-bul (Adjective)
Meaning: Affable describes someone who is friendly and easy to talk to. It can also describe something, such as someone's personality, that is characterized by ease and friendliness.
Origin: There is nothing in the meaning of affable ("friendly and easy to talk to"), nor in its etymology (the word traces back to the Latin verb affārī, meaning "to speak to, address"), to suggest it is more properly applied to men than to women, but English-speaking people behave as though it is. This was not always true; in the 16th through the 19th centuries, it was not uncommon to see the word describing women, but no more. When surveyed all the cases in which a single newspaper used affable over a 12-month period, the word occurred in 102 articles and in 4 occurrences it described women, while in 85 occurrences it described men (in the other cases affable was used to describe a conga line, email, musical compositions by Robert Ward, cats in general, and one male dog).
Example: "Ray Naranjo is a Native American chef from Santa Clara Pueblo in northern New Mexico. He's a big, affable man with a wide, warm smile, built more for a football field than his food truck, Manko." —Michael Shaikh, The Last Sweet Bite: Stories and Recipes of Culinary Heritage Lost and Found, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Qanat

Underground tunnel for carrying irrigation water.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Up to Bat

Meaning: The phrase 'Up to Bat' is used to say when one is being called upon to complete a task, particularly a task for which the said person needs to have a certain skill to succeed in completing the given task.
Origin: This phrase originates from baseball games when the player is getting ready for his turn to hit the ball.
Example: "John, come on! Up to bat now, administration is counting on you."

QUOTE BOX

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. **—Aesop**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Wake Up.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	3	8	5	4	2	9	7
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7	1	2	3	4	9	5	8	6
8	3	5	2	7	6	4	1	9
6	4	9	5	8	1	3	7	2
3	5	7	9	1	8	6	2	4
9	8	6	4	2	5	7	3	1
4	2	1	6	3	7	9	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Original sinner
5 Ms Yagnik, playback singer
9 Russian space station
12 Crew star
13 Close to
14 Great respect
15 Rooms within harems
16 Discuss business (4,4)
18 Russian capital
20 Our continent
21 At right angles to the keel of a ship
23 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
26 Reading desk
29 Heap together
30 WWII battleground
31 Tumble or splash
33 Desmond's pet name?
34 Worth
36 One who travels for pleasure
38 Misfortunes
39 Windies batsman Chris ___
40 On the briny
42 Exclaiming in amazement, joy, or surprise
46 Blessing, sanction
49 Hebrew month
50 Short for 'manuscripts'
51 Trim and tidy
52 Dry and withered
53 Owed
54 Murder or kill
55 Cod-like fish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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P	I	A	■	R	A	N	I	■	R	A	F	T
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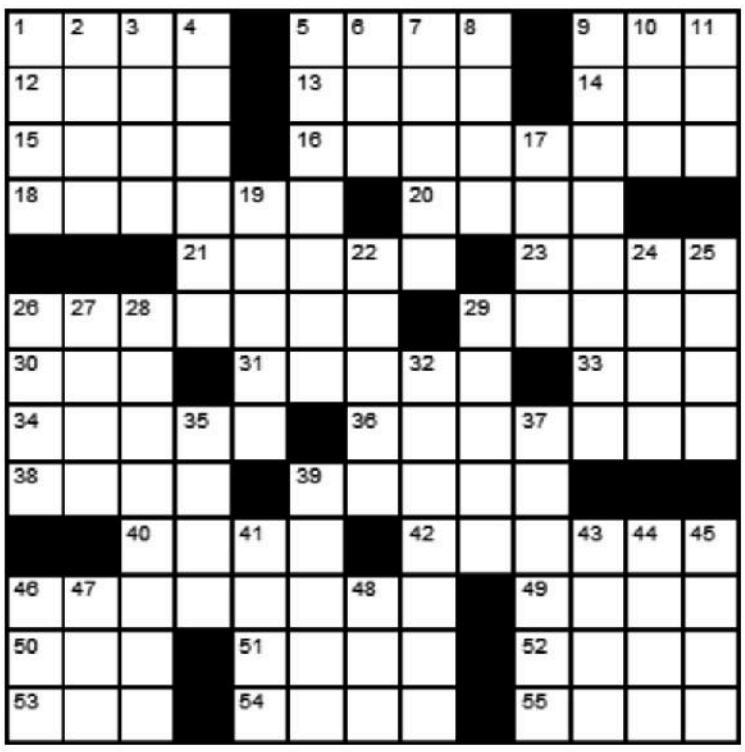
DOWN
1 Power source
2 Part of a room wall
3 Sleeveless garments worn by Arabs
4 Oman's capital
5 Famous Belgian city
6 Piece of meadow
7 Maulana Abul __ Azad
8 Noah used one of these
9 Major south Indian river
10 City in Nigeria
11 A textile fabric of wool, cotton or silk
17 Thailand, formerly
19 Grossly overweight
22 Santa ___ : Californian city ?
24 Functions
25 Call to attract attention
26 Son of Jacob and Leah
27 And others, in Latin (2,2)
28 Fall to pieces
29 False wing
32 Allegiance
35 State dissolved in 1991
37 Yesterday's news today
39 Magistrate's hammer
41 Many millennia
43 Concept
44 A police informer?
45 Mastery, superiority - "Gere" anagram?
46 Intel competitor
47 Public Sector Undertaking, in short
48 Alcoholic Anonymous Association, should we say?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LW OLY KTWJXK PLW GYHIWKP

BK PLW GWJKP LWJNI.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only fair way to talk about somebody is to imagine he is listening to every word you say.

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	(S-3)	1.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.35 am
Michael (E)	(S-2)	1.35 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Billie Eilis Hit Me Hard & Soft (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Top Gun 1987 (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.35 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 4.25 pm, 6.25 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	11.45 am
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.55 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	12.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Sherr (K)	:	2.25 pm
IIZ: Indian Institute of Zombies (H)	:	3.35 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	5.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	7.50 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	11.20 am, 4.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.50 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	7 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	9.45 pm

Mata Vijayakumari V. Rao Award conferred

Vidu. M.R. Sudha (Karnatak Classical Music) and Lakshmi Palecanda (Professor and Writer), who were conferred with Mata Vijayakumari V. Rao Award-2026 by Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Foundation, Mysuru, as part of Mother's Day celebrations, at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city on May 14, are seen with (standing from left) Foundation Founder & Cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu, Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation Convenor C.N. Keshava Prakash , Music Teacher M.V. Anitha, Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple CEO K.R. Yoganarasimha, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Alliance Clubs International Immediate Past Governor Dr. S. Venkatesh, Sanskrit Scholar Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Sri Yoganarasimha Swamy Temple Chief Administrator N. Srinivasan and Foundation Convenor Dr. Chakrapani.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 18)

- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri Subudhendra Theertha Swamiji of Mantralaya and Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt will grace the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, **5 pm;** 'Bhakti Sudhe' cultural programme by Puttur Jagadish Acharya and troupe, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Yaksha Sambhrama:** Yakshagana 'Damayanti Punaha Swayamwara' and 'Srinivasa Kalyana' by Sri Kodandarama Krupaposhita Yakshagana Mandali, a popular Tenku Thittu Yakshagana troupe of Dakshina Kannada district, Bunts Convention Hall, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Sripadangalavaru, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 19)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji graces the occasion, **5 pm;** 'Bhava Sudhe' Programme by Vidu. M.D. Pallavi and troupe, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.35 pm, 3.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	10.30 am
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	11 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	1.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.05 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.25 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
My Name is KD (K)	:	12.50 pm
Shikhandi (K)	:	7.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

MPJA's Pratibha Puraskar event

Mysuru, May 18 (BNR)- Mysuru Photo Journalist Association (MPJA) will be presenting Pratibha Puraskar to students who have secured highest marks in SSLC & PUC at a programme to be held at Pathrakarthara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city tomorrow (May 19) at 11 am.

The programme is organised in memory of *Star of Mysore* & *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor late Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and *Andolana* Founder-Editor late Rajashekar Koti.

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna and *Andolana* Editor Ravi Koti will present Pratibha Puraskar to the students.

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